

A new Heritage Plan for the Sunshine Coast

> THE CONTEXT

Cultural heritage is highly valued by the people of the Sunshine Coast. It embraces the natural and marine heritage, Indigenous heritage, and contemporary and oral histories of the area. In addition to building and maintaining knowledge and understanding of the region's heritage it is also important to plan for long-term conservation needs.

Sunshine Coast is one of the few local governments to have a dedicated Heritage Plan. This concludes in 2020 and Council is determined to generate an updated Heritage Plan for 2020-2025 taking into consideration conservation best practice. Positive Solutions has worked with Sunshine Coast Council on a range of cultural projects and was asked to assist in consultation and in drafting of the 2020-2025 Heritage Plan.

> THE BRIEF

Positive Solutions was engaged to consult and draft the Sunshine Coast Heritage Plan 2020-25, in close liaison with Council's heritage officers this was to include consultation with the Sunshine Coast heritage sector – museum associations, heritage consultants, Council's Heritage Reference Group and stewards of heritage properties, to inform strategy development.

> OUR APPROACH

Positive Solutions held an initial briefing with key stakeholders followed by a review of existing documentation – notably the 2015-20 Heritage Plan. We facilitated a sector-wide workshop (50+ attendees) and planning sessions with identified consultees alongside interviews and desk-based research. Council officers assisted in summarising findings from each element of consultation.

Based on the consultation Positive Solutions produced a first draft of the 2020-25 plan. This was refined through discussions with Council officers before a final version was prepared.

> THE RESULT

Positive Solutions generated a Heritage Plan 2020-25 to be presented to the new Council in 2020 for adoption.

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- > [Review of Conservation Management Plans for Heritage Council NSW](#)
- > [Governance and planning Carrick Hill Trust](#)
- > [Cultural Demand and Business Planning Proposal for Pah Homestead](#)
- > [Rail Heritage Museum Business Model Development](#)